INFORMATION BULLETIN



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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: DOL PWBA NATIONWIDE TOLL-FREE NUMBER

The purpose of this information bulletin is to alert your Rapid Response specialist(s) and One-Stop staff about the Department of Labor (DOL) Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration's (PWBA) new nationwide toll-free participant and compliance assistance number. This number, 1 (866) 275-7922, should be shared during Rapid Response orientations to make it possible for laid off workers to access authoritative information about preserving and maintaining their retirement and health benefit plans. Obviously, continuity of such benefits through the lay-off period and into new employment can cushion the impact of job loss.

The DOL has issued a <u>news release</u> providing additional information about this toll-free number.

Please note that Information Bulletin <u>WIAB01-58</u> provides information and access to additional resources relating to maintenance of retirement and health benefit plans.

Information Bulletin WIAB01-58 includes the names and phone numbers (not toll-free) of PWBA staff contact persons in northern and southern California. We recommend using these contact numbers for staff-to-staff discussions.

If you have any questions about this information bulletin, please contact your <u>Regional Advisor</u>.

/S/ BILL BURKE Chief